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MECHANISM FOR BRAKING THE UNWINDING OF A BUNDLE OF

METALLIC WIRE HOUSED IN A DRUM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 2, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Rewrite the Abstract of the Disclosure as on the accompanying separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

--1. (amended) A device for [the] braking [of] the unwinding of [the] bundled metal wire placed in a drum, [especially designed] for the feeding of welding machines[, in particular those operating non stop (welding robots),] having an automatic advancing movement of the wire, [constituting the soldering metal, constituted by a] the device having a circular crown [shape (1) and characterized by] with jutting flexible elements [(2)] on its outer edge[, whose size is made

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